

Vietnam

India

Guam

Bangladesh

Pakistan

Thailand

China

Japan

Indochina

Afghanistan

Korea

ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER OVERVIEW

Indonesia

Hawaii

Samoa

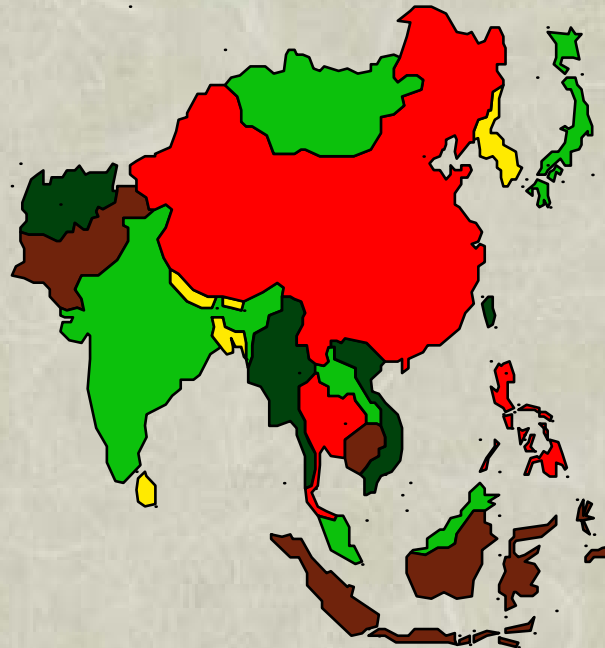
**Soviet Central
Asia**

Philippines



DEFINITION

A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands



**“Asian American”
or
“Asian-American”**

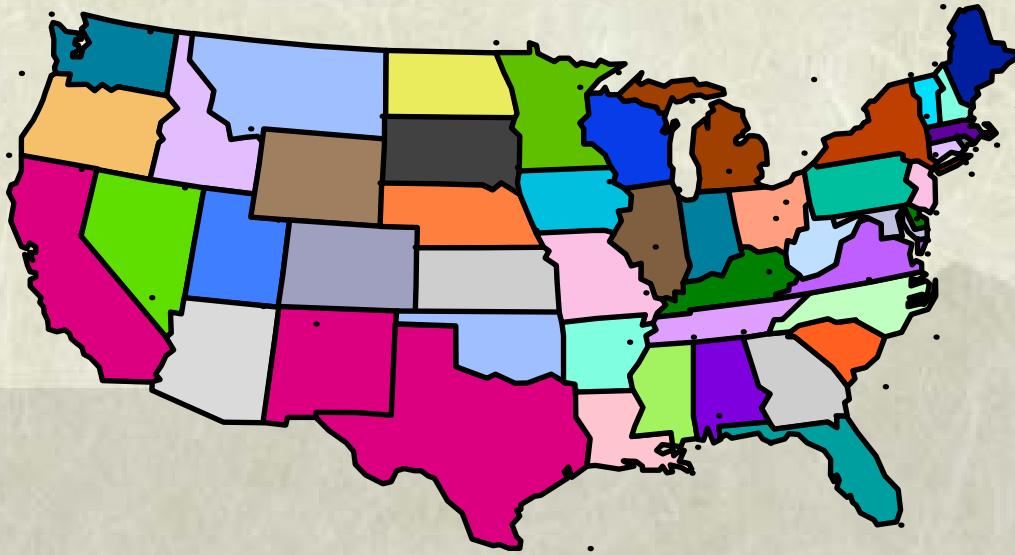
Descriptive Terms

People prefer Asian American (without hyphen) because using the hyphen describes foreign affairs kind of things: “Asian-American trade talks”. The lack of the hyphen stresses that Asian Americans are not foreigners.

Oriental

Oriental -- A general rule of thumb is “Oriental is for rugs, not people”

In Washington state, local and state lawmakers are prohibited from using the term “Oriental” in statutes, codes, rules, and regulations!



America was created and shaped by successive waves of immigrants and has been regarded as the “melting pot of the world”

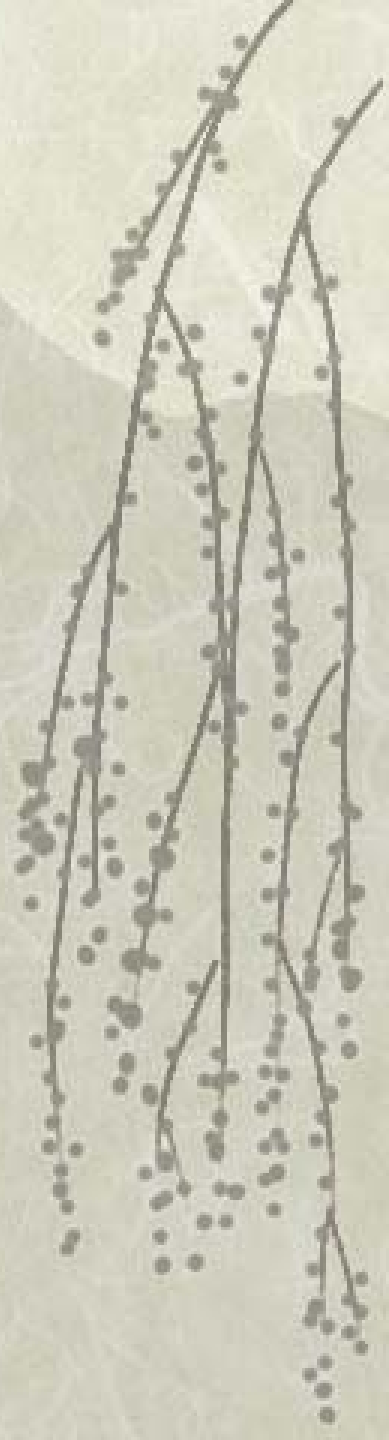
First wave: Hispanic explorers and European colonizers



Second wave: Shiploads of Africans to work plantations



Third wave - Asians: Chinese to work on Pacific railroads; Japanese, Filipinos, and Koreans to work sugar cane plantations in Hawaii





**Most recent wave: 1975 saw
Southeast Asian refugees
after fall of Vietnam**

**1st wave: Explosion of ethnic
Chinese
from Vietnam**

**2d wave: Vietnamese “Boat
People”**

3d wave: “Refugees”



Population Growth -- 1995 to 2025



Asian Americans are the fastest-growing ethnic minority group in the United States. Currently, half of all immigrants entering America are Asian.



Growth Rate Overall

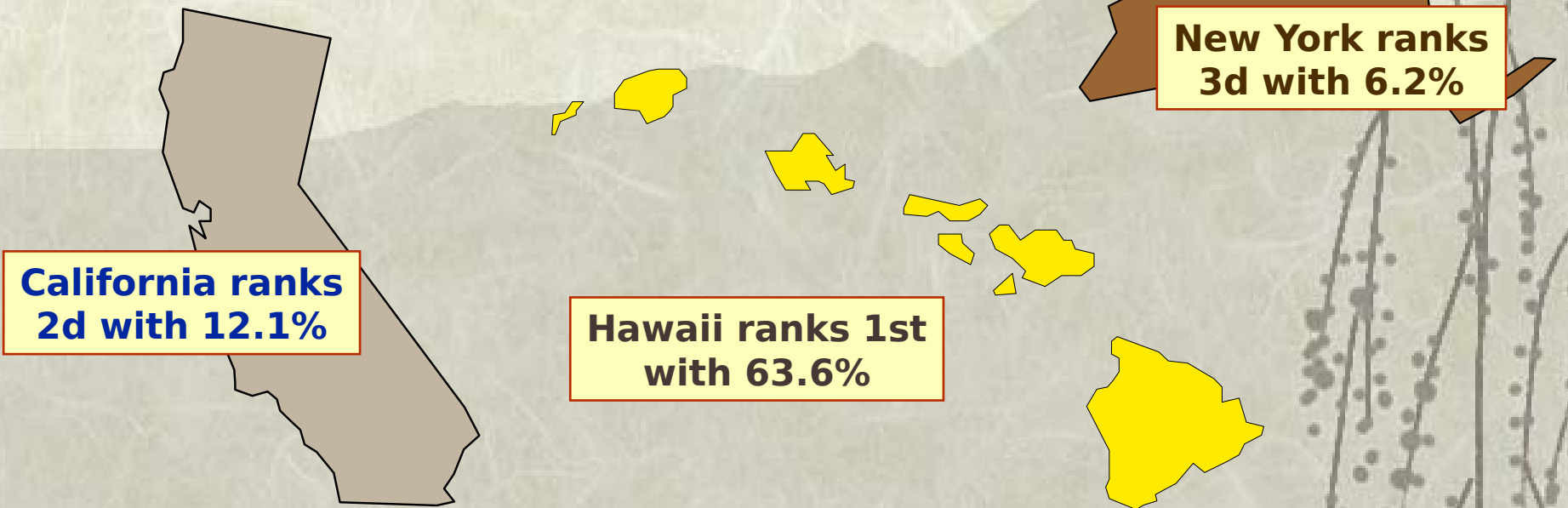
	<u>Growth Rate</u> <u>1980-1990</u>	<u>Growth Rage</u> <u>1990-2000</u>
Asian/Pacific Islander	96.13%	63.24%
Hispanic	53.02%	39.42%
Native American	35.44%	14.42%
African American	11.98%	15.26%
White	4.09%	5.08%



Growth Rate Among Asians

	<u>Growth Rate</u> <u>1980-1990</u>	<u>Growth Rage</u> <u>1990-2000</u>
Asian Indian	125.6%	113.4%
Vietnamese	125.3%	89.2%
Korean	134.8%	35.1%
Chinese	104.1%	47.5%
Filipino	81.6%	30.3%
Japanese	20.9%	-9.4%

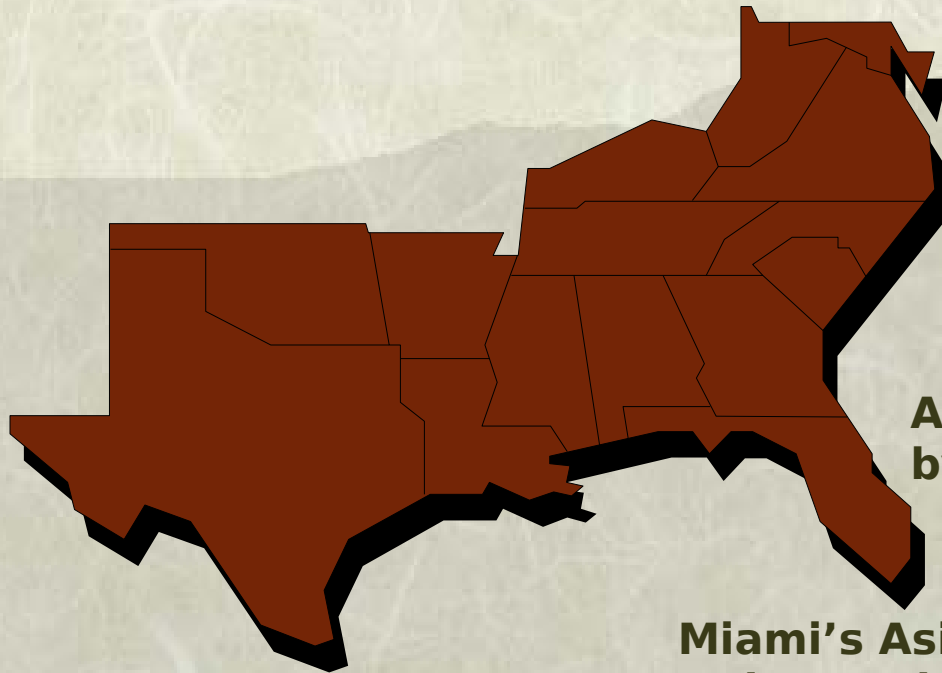
States With Highest Percentage of Asians or Pacific Islanders



75% of the Asian/Pacific Islander population reside in ten states

SOUTHERN EXPLOSION !

Southerners have seen the Asian populations of their cities explode -- some by as much as 600%



North Carolina has seen its Asian population swell to 60,000 with 30,000 in the Durham/Raleigh/ Chapel Hill area

Atlanta mushroomed by 593% since 1980

Miami's Asian community estimate their numbers to top 60,000 with 60% having settled there in only the last five years!

The 350,000 in Houston make up 11% of the city's population

11.9 MILLION ASIAN/ PACIFIC ISLANDERS COMPRISING 4.2% OF THE TOTAL U.S. POPULATION

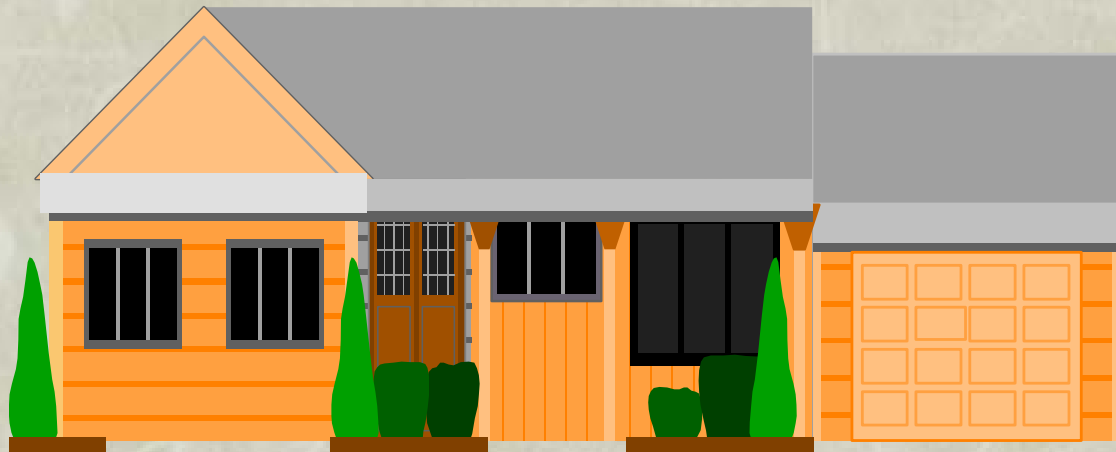
Average Household Size:

Asian: 3.79

Hawaiian: 3.84

Non-Hawaiian Pacific Islanders: 4.4

Non-API: 3



Socio-Economic Factors

While the average Asian/Pacific Islander (API) family enjoys the highest median family income, they also have one of the highest rates of poverty in urban and rural areas

An estimated 27% of API families earn approximately 1/4 of the poverty level for a family of four

In San Francisco, 29% of the API population live below the poverty line; in New York City, 43% of API children are born into poverty; and in Minnesota, API children are three times as likely (37%) to live in poverty as other children

Asian Influence on English Language in the U.S.

Mandarin

Paddy Field

Pajama

Pariah

Pidgin

Pundit



Serendipity

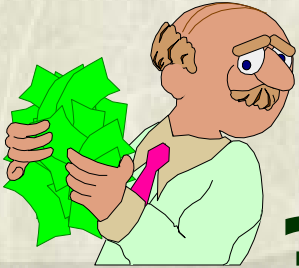
Shampoo

Thug

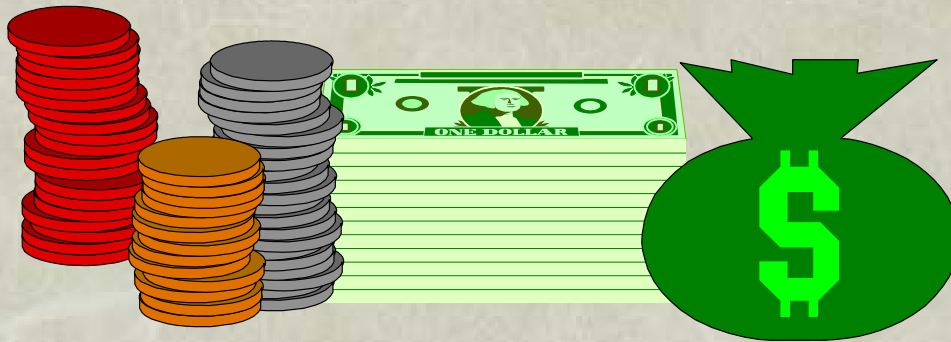
Tycoon

Yen

Asian/Pacific American Business Ownership



307 Billion Dollars in Revenue





ASIAN PROFESSIONALS

IN DEMAND FOR:

Executive Management

Finance and Banking

Entertainment and the Arts



Asian Newsmakers

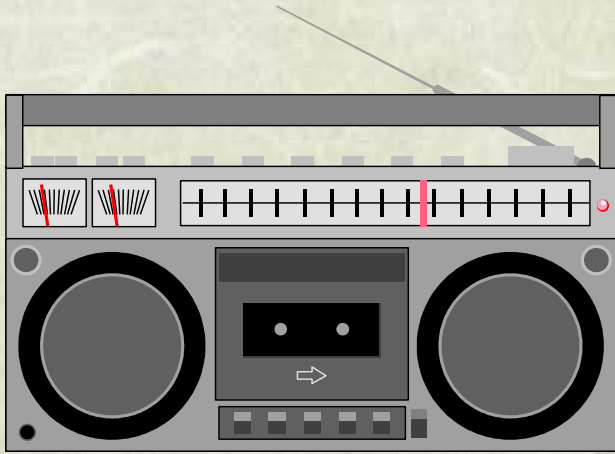
**Tiger Woods, Golf
Dr. David D. Ho, AIDS Researcher**

Vivienne Tam, Fashion Visionary

**Charles Wang, Founder/CEO, Computer Assoc, Inc.
Jackie Chan & Michelle Yeoh, Movie Stars**

**Brooke Lee, Miss Universe 1997
Ann Curry, News Anchor Woman**

Chris Lee, President of Production, Tristar Pictures



**Gold Mountain
Radio**

**Hawaii
Herald**

**Asian
Magazine**

**Face
Magazine**

DARPAN

Tea Magazine

**Very few air conditioners, television sets, or even
pianos are
made in Europe or the U.S. Certainly Asia has a
tremendous
impact on the world arena**

Asian Films

Educational Films:

“Filipino Americans: Discovering Their Past for the Future”

“Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision”

“Starting Over: Japanese Americans After the War”



Entertainment Films:

The Great Wall

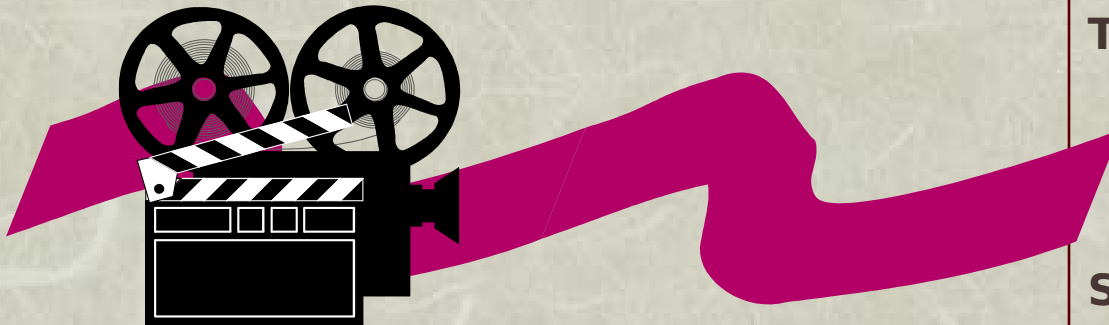
Eat a Bowl of Tea

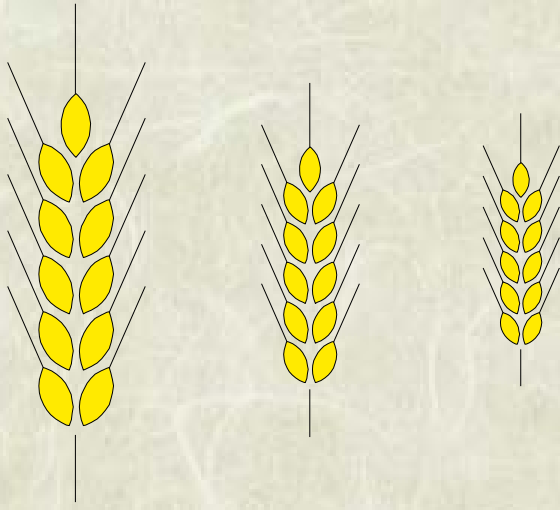
The Joy Luck Club

RAN

Seven Samurai

Raise the Red Lantern





RICE! !



Burmese - 500 pounds a year

Vietnamese - 367 pounds per year

Japanese - 167 pounds annually

Rice now makes up 25 to 80 percent of the calories in the daily diet for half of the world!

Average American has doubled their rice intake to 25 pounds a year. Four out of those 25 pounds of rice that Americans consume is in beer.

HIGHLIGHTS OF VARIOUS U. S. IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION LAWS AFFECTING ASIANS



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